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## **A Message from the Commissioner**



Dear Fellow Citizen:

It gives me great pleasure to present to you the Connecticut Department of Transportation's (ConnDOT) statewide 1998 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRP). This LRP was developed as a policy and information document to guide transportation policies, programs and investments through the year 2020.

This statewide Plan is comprehensive in content and scope. It covers the period 1998 through 2020. It provides an overview of Connecticut's current transportation systems, identifies major issues and challenges, explains the transportation planning process, and presents trends and relevant planning data used to forecast and address travel demands. It also discusses the status of each existing modal transportation system and its ability to meet current and future demand; presents ConnDOT's strategies for addressing State transportation services; and gives an overview of where the money to pay for Connecticut's transportation services, projects and programs originates from.

I encourage you to take the time to review our 1998 Long-Range Plan. After your review is completed, you will see that the issues and challenges facing Connecticut are complex and many, but I am confident that, by working together with our stakeholders, we will continue to meet the mobility and economic needs of our State in an environmentally sensitive manner. This Long-Range Plan will be updated periodically to ensure it addresses the needs of Connecticut as our State changes over time. The input of Connecticut's Regional Planning Organizations, elected officials, private citizens and businesses in shaping and preparing these updates is encouraged and welcomed.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James F. Sullivan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "Sullivan" clearly legible.

James F. Sullivan

Commissioner